

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Councilmembers Jamison Abshire, Mayor Pro Tempore, (Division A), Lindy Bolgiano (Division B), Matt Romero (Division C), Ken Stansbury (Division D), Gary Williams (Division E)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Sally M. Angers, City Clerk; George Knox, City Attorney; Clint Simoneaux, City Engineer; Rickey Boudreaux, Police Chief;

ATTENDING VIA ZOOM: Terry Bourque, Public Works Director; Tim Robichaux, Parks & Recreation Director; Susan Richard, DSA Engineering

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Deacon Doug Hebert, St. Anne's Catholic Church.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Gary Williams

2. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

2.1 Mayor Ritter read a Proclamation proclaiming the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September as POW/MIA National Recognition Day.

2.2 Donald "Don" Landry - announce his candidacy for District Attorney, 15th JDC. Mr. Landry is scheduled to appear at the October 8th meeting. Mr. Landry was inadvertently put on the September agenda instead of the October agenda as requested.

2.3 Daniel "Danny" Landry announced his candidacy for District Attorney, 15th JDC.

2.4 Susan Theall announced her candidacy for Family Court Judge, Division M, 15th JDC.

2.5 George R. Knox announced his candidacy for Family Court Judge, Division M, 15th JDC.

2.6 Karen Touchet announced her candidacy for Justice of the Peace for Ward 9.

2.7 Chad Comeaux announced his candidacy for Lafayette Parish Constable, Ward 9

### 3. MINUTES

#### 3.1 Acceptance of Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting held on August 13, 2020

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Jamison Abshire to accept the minutes of August 13, 2020.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

ABSTAIN: Lindy Bolgiano

### 4. FINANCE REPORT

#### 4.1 Acceptance of the Finance Report of July, 2020

Mayor Ritter stated that the sales tax collections are ahead of last year's fiscal at 15.81% and the City had projected a 6% deficit in the 2020-2021 budget. He said that, if the trend continues, he will be recommending raises for the employees since the City is not seeing a decline as originally projected.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Kenneth Stansbury, to accept the finance report of July, 2020

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

### 5. PRELIMINARY PLATS

Mayor Ritter stated that a public hearing was held on the preliminary plats up for consideration beginning at 4:30 prior to the Council meeting.

#### 5.1 Request for Preliminary Plat Approval of The Preserve, a Single-Family Residential development located in Section 7, T11S, R5E, off of Bonin Road.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Lindy Bolgiano, to grant preliminary plat approval of "The Preserve", a Single-Family Residential development located in Section 7, T11S, R5E, off of Bonin Road as recommended by City Engineer Clint Simoneaux in a letter dated September 3, 2020 with the following conditions: to grant the request to reduce the roadway from 36' to 26'.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Gary Williams

ABSTAIN: Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury

5.2 Request for Preliminary Plat Approval of Fairhaven Phase 2, a Residential Neighborhood located in Section 18, T11S, R5E, off of Guillot Road.

Motion by Kenneth Stansbury, second by Lindy Bolgiano, to grant preliminary plat approval of Fairhaven Phase 2, a Residential Neighborhood located in Section 18, T11S, R5E, off of Guillot Road as recommended by City Engineer Clint Simoneaux in a letter dated September 3, 2020.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

5.3 Request for Preliminary Plat Approval of Fairfax Phase 2, a Residential Neighborhood located in Section 18, T11S, R5E, off of Guillot Road.

Prior to the motion, there was much discussion on minimum requirements, green space that is usable and developer's responsibility to put in amenities as promised to homeowners. Councilman Romero requested that the ordinance be revisited to look at these issues at the November Council meeting.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Kenneth Stansbury, to grant preliminary plat approval of Fairfax Phase 2, a Residential Neighborhood located in Section 18, T11S, R5E, off of Guillot Road as recommended by City Engineer Clint Simoneaux dated September 3, 2020, with the following conditions: Lot 107 must designated as a green space.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux - Request approval for the lease/purchase of thirty (30) Stun Guns (tasers) through a piggy-back agreement with the City of Walker, RFP #01-19 "Stun Gun" Technology and authorize the Mayor to enter into said Lease/Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$108,000.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Gary Williams to approve a 5-year lease/purchase agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for thirty (30) Stun Guns (Tasers) through a piggy-back agreement with the City of Walker, RFP #01-19 "Stun Gun" Technology and authorize the Mayor to enter into said Lease/Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$108,000.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

## 7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 2020-20 A Resolution of the City of Youngsville authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for emergency and non-emergency ground ambulance

services with Acadiana Ambulance Service, Inc. to exclusively provide emergency and non-emergency ground ambulance services and rotor-wing air ambulance transport for the City of Youngsville.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Ken Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-20.  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury

NAYS: Lindy Bolgiano, Gary Williams

Prior to the vote on the motion, Mayor Ritter stated that he is in support of this contract because of the following:

- No contract exist today for Youngsville and there is not a better provider in the area
- 9 months of discussions have taken place including meeting with other providers.
- Lower response time that doesn't exist today, penalties that don't exist today and it is a one-year contract.
- exact same contract entered into with Carencro, Scott and Broussard.

Fire Chief Blair Rivette, Captain Austin Shotwell, Union President of the Youngsville Professional Firefighters Association and Councilman Lindy Bolgiano all spoke in opposition to granting the agreement because, in their opinion, the response time is too slow and can be negotiated and they felt that they were not part of the negotiations.

Speaking on behalf of Acadian Ambulance was Vice President, Justin Back who stated that Acadian is a very robust company with an immeasurable amount of assets and they want to be the best partner for the City of Youngsville. They have improved tremendously in the response time and when one ambulance is on a call out, another one is on the way to take its place.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Gary Williams, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-20.  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury

NAYS: Lindy Bolgiano, Gary Williams

## 8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

8.1 Ordinance No. 444-2020: An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending the Official Map of the City of Youngsville, providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of Youngsville, Louisiana, being the corner of Savoy Road and Decon Road, located in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in Section 11, T11S, R5E, 1200 Block of Savoy Road, into the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Gary Williams to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 444-2020

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

8.2 Ordinance No. 445-2020: An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville amending Chapter 105, Section 1-5.33 "Building Setbacks" to provide a reduced setback for residential lots whose rear lot line abuts a detention pond owned by the Homeowners Association (HOA) subject to approval by the HOA and the City Engineer

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Jamison Abshire, to adopt Ordinance No. 445-2020

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

8.3 Ordinance No. 373.1-2020: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 373-2014 to amend Chapter 110 "Design Standards," Section Number 110-4 "Design Standards and Incentives" to amend inlet capacity for street design.

Motion Matt Romero, second by Gary Williams to adopt Ordinance No. 373.1-2020.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

## 9. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

9.1 Ordinance No. 446-2020: An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana declaring the Regional Detention Pond Projects to be a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition of the necessary land, easements, servitudes, rights of way and other property rights requisite to the construction of said project either on an amicable basis or through the use of the expropriation process if necessary.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Kenneth Stansbury, to introduce Ordinance No. 446-2020.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 10.1 Mayor Announcements/Staff Reports

- Lafayette Parish School Board voted to grant the City a sidewalk easement adjacent to Green T Lindon for Foster Park in exchange for and the City has agreed to fund \$10,000 to go towards building a security fence for the school

- Sales Tax Collections continue much higher than projected in the budget, will be recommending an employee raise at the next meeting
- Détente/Chemin Metairie Roundabout should be complete in 90 days
- Savoy/Chemin Metairie Roundabout – adding additional drainage work to alleviate the issues on Savoy Road North
- LCDBG Sewer Project is complete, punch list is being worked on.
- Hurricane Laura produced 8.3” of rain in 9 hours,
- LCG is hosting monthly Parish wide drainage meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> was today
- Almonaster/Larriviere Sewer Extension Project almost complete.
- New Wastewater Treatment Plant has been cleared by DEQ/EPA
- Work continues on Foster Park and at the Sports Complex

10.2 Council Announcements. There were none.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Matt Romero.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Gary Williams

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor

/s/ Sally M. Angers

Sally M. Angers, City Clerk